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3 things you need to know

OBAMA: GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO RESPOND TO HURRICANE MATTHEW

President Barack Obama on Wednesday said the U.S. government has teams and supplies positioned to respond to Hurricane Matthew as the storm barrels toward Florida and other southeastern states. "I want to emphasize to the public - this is a serious storm," Obama said after a briefing at the Federal Emergency Management Agency. "It has been building strength on its way to Florida." He urged Americans to comply with any evacuation orders.

MAN CHARGED WITH THEFT OF CLASSIFIED GOVERNMENT MATERIAL

The U.S. Justice Department charged a Maryland man with theft of classified government material, according to a criminal complaint unsealed on Wednesday. The Justice Department identified the man as Harold Thomas Martin, 51, and said he worked as a government contractor. The New York Times said he worked for Booz Allen Hamilton, the same consulting firm that employed Edward Snowden when he revealed the collection of metadata by the National Security Agency. Six documents investigators found in Martin's possession allegedly contained sensitive intelligence and were produced by a U.S. government agency in 2014. "These six documents were produced through sensitive government sources, methods, and capabilities, which are critical to a wide variety of national security issues," the complaint said. Martin had a top secret national security clearance and the ability to access U.S. government property that was not permitted to leave its authorized location, according to the criminal complaint.

AMAZON LAUNCHES READING FEATURE FOR US PRIME MEMBERS

Amazon.com Inc on Wednesday launched a new feature for its U.S. Prime members called Prime Reading, which adds a selection of Kindle books, magazines and comics to its loyalty program at no additional cost. Prime Reading would not require members to own a Kindle e-reader or a Fire tablet but can be accessed through a Kindle app on iOS and Android devices. The Prime loyalty program already offers original TV programming and access to digital entertainment products such as Prime Music and Prime Video, as well as one-hour delivery of purchases, for an annual fee of \$99. REUTERS

METRO'S NEWS QUIZ

You read Metro to stay on top of the news. Now's your chance to find out how much you know. Take our daily news quiz to test your knowledge by going to www.metro.us /news-quiz to submit your answers.

- 1. What is a local activist wearing to make a statement about the importance of living a green life?
- 2. Who is A-Rod supporting to win the U.S. Presidency?
- 3. Which right-wing politician does Ava DuVernay get to say something progressive in "13th"?



This NYC man wears his trash on his sleeve

Rob Greenfield tries to inspire people to produce less waste.



Rob Greenfield is at the height of trash fashion.

The environmental activist and humanitarian collects every piece of garbage he generates in a month and wears it. The green campaigner then takes his "rubbish" look to the streets of New York to make people aware of their environmental impact and inspire them to change their consumer habits. The founder of The Food Waste Fiasco, a campaign that aims to end food waste and hunger, also plans to live stream his experiences and even make a documentary about the project. Greenfield speaks to Metro about the importance of living a green life.

Why did you start wearing garbage?

The average American creates 4.5 pounds of trash per day but most of us

never think twice about it. It's out of sight, out of mind. We've all seen photos of landfills and oceans full of garbage but most of us see this huge issue and don't realize that we are a part of that. I wanted to come up with a visual to help people understand how much trash we create as individuals so that we can see how much we are all part of the problem. What better way to show how much trash one person creates than wearing my own everywhere I go?

Have you always been aware of the impact you have on the environment?

About five years ago I was not very environmentally conscious. I created a lot of garbage, ate a lot of junk food, and didn't really think about how my actions affected the world around me. In 2011 I started to watch a lot of documentaries and read a lot of books and learned about so many of the environmental and social problems that exist today. realized that I was a part of those problems and I didn't want to be, so I decided that I had to change myself. One step at a time I made little changes and they've added up to living a very environmentally conscious life.

What has changed your mind?

It was the simple realiza-tion through education that I was a part of so many of the environmental and social problems that I do not stand for. I believe that I must lead the change that I wish to see in the world and thus that meant totally transforming my life in order to make sure that I was living in alignment with my beliefs. I want to see a world that is more sustainable for all and I want to be a part of our shift in that direction.

Is the garbage we produce such a big deal?

The garbage that we produce has huge environmental and social tolls. Before the item is even available to us, there is the extraction of the resources from the earth through processes like mining and deforestation. Then

there's all the fossil fuels used to transport the materials. Then there's the energy, fossil fuels, and resources used to create the item in a manufacturing facility and even more to distribute it to shops where it is purchased. We then use it for a very short period of time before it ends up in landfills, incinerators, the environment, or at best, recycled. In landfill it releases methane, a very potent greenhouse gas. If it comes into contact with nature, it causes destruction to other species as well as the resources that we depend on. Even recycling takes a lot of energy and uses a lot of fossil fuels.

How are people reacting to your "look"?

I can't believe how many people are so happy, smiling and excited to see me. My life covered in garbage is almost better than my normal life because people are so happy to see what I'm doing. Today is only Day 11 and a lot of people have already told me that they are inspired to make positive changes to create less trash.



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Cuomo proposes \$100 billion transit improvement scheme

Chainmail arches and cashless tolls. New York's most expensive project ever will modernize nearly century-old bridges and tunnels.



Gov. Andrew Cuomo is building a bridge to the future. Actually, seven bridges, two tunnels, three airports and hundreds of toll plazas to the future.

Cuomo's monumental, \$100 billion transportation improvement plan is his and the MTA's idea to make all of New York's major crossings—many of which are 75 years old or more — safer, faster and more beautiful.

Renderings released Wednesday reveal his New York Crossings Project, a "transformational plan to reimagine New York's bridges and tunnels for 21st century." They include flood and earthquake reinforcements, improved security techniques and technology, automatic tolling and veils of programmable lights

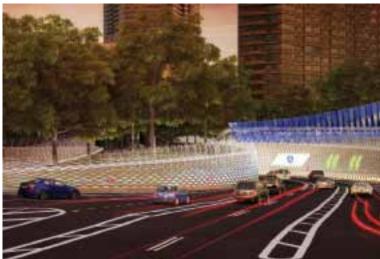
that will be visible from miles away and expect to draw tourist attention.

The LED lighting and the "automatic" or cashless tolling will be among the first projects to be completed.

The \$100 billion are already earmarked for state transportation and infrastructure improvements, which will also fund the re-building of LaGuardia airport and other transportation hubs. The plan appears to have widespread endorsement from government and transportation officials.

'New York's bridges and tunnels are used by millions of people each year and essential to our entire region's economic success. Cuomo has put forward a plan to reimagine our transportation system for the 21st century and it will result in less traffic, increased capacity, and more durability to withstand natural disasters," said state Sen. Joseph Roback, chair of the Senate Transportation Committee.

Another aspect of this multi-part undertaking is to implement new tunnel barriers to control floods. And "seismic measures" on bridges provide for long-term protection from



LED lit "wave veils" will be installed at several crossings across NYC. Made from chainmail fabric the veils will flow in the wind and the lights can be programmed for special shows visible from miles away. MTA

earthquakes and other natural forces.

One part of the plan will be to institute automatic tolling at all MTA bridges and tunnels; automatic tolling eliminates all cash lanes, so if you do not have EZ-Pass, camerascanners will record your car's plates and then send a bill for the toll (no fine). This is intended to reduce traffic congestion and decrease emissions.

Improvements of the Reimagine New York project include: Energy efficient LED lighting for better visibility and energy sustainability and beautification:

- LED lighting will be adopted at all MTA bridges and tunnels which lasts six times longer and is up to 80 percent more energy efficient.
- NYC will redesign tunnel plazas with cutting-edge "veils" and arches with artistic wave designs made from

chainmail fabric that moves with the wind and can be programmed for light shows.

LED message boards.

Automatic or "open road tolling" to reduce traffic congestion — Beginning in January sensors and cameras will be suspended over highway structures or "gantries" and vehicles will not be required to stop even if you don't have EZ-Pass: license plates will be re-

corded and the registered owner is billed by mail.

Enhanced security and counterrorism

- Antiterrorism teams, state police, and the National Guard will join forces with traffic enforcement teams at crossings to develop new cross-agency protocols.
- Special barricade trucks will be positioned at both ends of each crossings to intervene in emergencies.
- Cameras and sensors will be installed and will also test new facial-recognition software.

Flood protection — Tunnels will have new airtight barriers to block floodwater and improved pumping capacity.

Seismic stableization — Upgrades to make MTA bridges more flexible in the event of an earth-quake using "seismic isolation bearings" that allow for rotation, new reinforcing bridge columns, and concrete armor units in the underwater structures.

NJ delays vote on 23-cent gas hike

New Jersey lawmakers have delayed a vote on a gas tax hike that would increase pump prices by 23 cents per gallon that Gov. Chris Christie announced last

The vote, which was expected Wednesday, will now take place Friday, Senate President Steve Sweeney (D-Gloucester) told CBS New York. If approved, New Jersey, where the current 14.5-cent gas tax is second-lowest in the country, would have the seventh-highest gas tax nationwide at 37.5 cents.

Sweeney needed 30 votes to put the bill up for vote in an emergency session Wednes-

day, but fell short with 28, according to The Observer. The gas tax vote will need only 22 votes to pass on Friday.

Democrats hold a 24-16 majority.

"Some people were convinced that a vote for the emergency, which has nothing to do with the vote on the Transportation Trust Fund, was a vote for the gas tax," Sweeney said Wednesday. "So you saw the votes were here to pass it. It's a delay of a day."

As of Wednesday, the average price for gas in New Jersey is \$2 per gallon. For comparison, New York State's average price at the pump

is \$2.43; the state has a 43-cent tax per gallon. Pennsylvanians pay an average \$2.35 per gallon, including the state's 51.4-cent tax per gallon.

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The deal will raise \$2
billion annually for New
Jersey—\$16 billion over
the eight years—to pay
for road work, and the
federal government will
match that revenue, creating \$32 billion to
finance road work in the

Christie had previously called for a shutdown of transit projects due to a lack of funding and an impasse with the state assembly over the tax hike.

The proposed hike will renew the state

Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) and boost annual spending on road, bridge and rail infrastructure by \$400 million

It will also cut a number of other taxes, including the estate tax, which will be phased out by Jan. 1, 2018, and the state's 7 percent sales tax, which will drop three-eighths of a percentage point.

Still, the proposal has been met with fierce opposition statewide.

More than 20,000 people have signed a petition to prevent the tax hike. The petition, hosted on the New Jersey Senate Republicans website, calls on legislators



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to find alternatives to fund the state's transportation initiatives.

AAA analysts said the tax will cost New Jersey drivers an additional \$170 per year, CBS New York reported.

"These drivers are already paying the highest tolls in the nation," Sen. Jim Holzapfel (R-Ocean) said in a news release. "We will not stand silently by and watch as the legislature approves a 23-cent gas tax hike that will impose severe financial hardships on the people we were elected to serve."

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De Blasio calls for urgent reforms to ACS after death of 6-year-old boy

The agency was called five times for abuse allegations of Zymere Perkins, who died earlier this week in Harlem.



The death of a 6-year-old boy in Harlem this week set off alarms at City Hall about the ability of New York's Administration for Children's Services to care for at-risk children.

Zymere Perkins was determined to have been beaten to death with a broomstick by his trou-bled mother's hulking boyfriend Ryshiem Smith. Reports indicate that five different ACS workers had been called to the Geraldine Perkins' home in regards to possible incidents of child abuse dating back to 2010; in at least three cases the allegations of abuse were confirmed.

"How could they miss repeated child abuse?' Randi Mandelbaum, clinical professor of law and director of the Child Advocacy Clinic at Rutgers Law School said to Metro.

"It looks like they



brought in a lot of different entities that should have realized what was going on," Mandelbaum said. She pointed out that many of these case workers are not social workers and may very well lack the expertise to determine how something should be

"I think more expertise and training is needed overall, she said. They are making life and death decisions.

With child welfare Commissioner Gladys Carrion, who had expressed deep regret over the inci-

dent, by de Blasio's side, several actions were announced to try and make immediate fixes to the apparently broken system.

The reforms include: Requiring agency approval every time a contracted services provider determines

that a case should be closed. Creating additional

oversight of child protective

staffers by teams assembled

outside their division. Providing additional inhouse training for dealing with suspected physical

abuse. New liaisons with the district attorney's office to work with the Department of Education on when student absences should trigger investigations.

"The central question is did something go profoundly wrong here? Yes," the mayor said. "I want to be very clear the buck stops here.

The incident might be an indication that the increasing case-load per ACS staffer is too high. According to reports, the average number of cases per child protective agent has increased from 8.2 in 2013 to 10.6 in 2016.

The five workers that responded to the Perkins incidents have been put on desk duty as they await investigations.

It is not yet known how their responsibility in the boy's death will be qualified, but in the past ACS workers have been held accountable when a child dies. In 2013, ACS workers Damon Adams and Chereece Bell were charged with second-degree murder for the abuse and neglect death of 4-year-old Marchella Brett-Pierce. The charges were later dropped.

"Many times, there are warnings, and the question is, what do we do with those warnings?" de Blasio asked.

Mayor Bill de Blasio speaks during an event to unveil the plans for the new park at the Hudson Yards development. GETTY IMAGES

Mayor's approval rating leaps

Mayor Bill de Blasio's approval rating reached a 17-month high in the aftermath of his handling of last month's bombing in Chelsea, according to a recent

Forty percent of reg-istered New York City voters who participated in the poll feel de Blasio is doing an "excellent" or "good" job as mayor, his best rating since May 2015, NBC 4 New York reported.

"New Yorkers give the mayor his top grade for his handling of the recent bombing incident in Chelsea," Lee

Miringoff, the director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, said in a news release. Marist conducted the poll for NBC 4 and the Wall Street Iournal.

Additional good news for the mayor is that half of the polled voters say de Blasio deserves to be re-elected - an increase of eight percentage points from the previous poll. De Blasio now hold a 20-point lead over any potential candidate in the Democratic Party primary.

Of the options of-

fered to those polled about the primary, 42 percent support de Blasio. Twenty-two percent responded that they were "undecided,' followed by 12 percent for former City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, 9 percent for city Comptroller Scott Stringer and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and 7 percent for state Rep. Hakeem Jeffries.

Marist surveyed 1,094 adults, of whom 799 were registered voters. The margin of error was 3.5 percentage points. GARY KANE

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Pence declared debate victor in Metro readers poll

Metro readers apparently felt put-off by an aggressive Sen. Tim Kaine and overwhelmingly proclaimed Gov. Mike Pence the winner of the vice presidential debate in the Metro Readers

In the unscientific poll, 95.3 percent of the readers who participated said the Republican Indiana governor prevailed in Tuesday night's debate. Only

4.2 percent deemed the senator, a Virginia Democrat, the winner.

A half of one percent declared the debate a tie.

Inexplicably, five times as many people voted in Metro's online poll about the vice presidential debate as those who voted after last week's Clinton-Trump debate (In that unscientific poll, 63.6 of those who participated picked Trump as the debate winner).

Of those who included com-

ments with their online vote in the poll on the vice presidential debate, several criticized Kaine's

"Tim Kaine was a real pitbull," wrote one voter identified as Karona. "He was obnoxious and difficult to listen to."

A voter who identified herself as Mary wrote: "I was extremely impressed by Mike Pence's performance, his knowledge of the issues, his composure under constant interrupting by his opponent and his demeanor."

The impact of the vice presidential debate as reflected by scientific polling might not be available for days. The first presidential debate gave Democrat Hillary Clinton a boost in national polls. A CBS News Poll following the debate showed that 45 percent of likely voters who participated favored Clinton and 41 percent supported Republican Donald Trump. GARY KANE



The Hoboken Terminal in New Jersey after an NJ Transit train crashed into th

Investigators pulling data from recorder of crashed NJ train

A second event recorder found in the rear of the train was not working.

Investigators said Wednesday they were collecting information from data and video recorders removed from the front car of the New Jersey Transit train that crashed into Hoboken Terminal last week.

The National Transportation Safety Board said in a post on Twitter that its engineers would be able to characterize the content of the recorders in a few days.

The data recorder, akin to the black box aboard commercial airplanes, keeps track of various metrics while the train is in motion, including speed, acceleration and

Investigators at the crash site inside the termi-

nal removed the recorders from the wreckage on Tuesday. Concerns about the structural integrity of the station, which was badly damaged in the accident and has a partially collapsed roof, delayed access to the lead car.

Data from the recorder could help investigators determine what caused the Sept. 29 morning rush-hour crash that left one person dead and 108 others injured.

Safety officials previ-ously located a second event recorder in the rear of the train but said it was not working.

The driver of the train, Thomas Gallagher, has told investigators the train was traveling at normal speed as it approached the station but that he has no memory of the crash. Passengers on the train and witnesses at the station have said the train did not appear to slow down as it arrived.

BRIEFS

Man decapitated by L train during rush hour: NYPD

A man was decapitated by the L train during rush hour on Wednesday, authorities said.

A preliminary investigation indicates the man climbed onto the tracks, laid down on the tracks and was decapitated by an oncoming train at Halsey Station in Brooklyn, an NYPD spokesman said.

The incident took place

at 5:25 p.m. at the station on Wyckoff Avenue and Eldert Street.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene and the incident is under investigation, the NYPD said.

L train service was suspended in both directions between Myrtle-Wyckoff Avenues and Atlantic Avenue. according to the MTA. KIMBERLY M. AQUILINA



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"It keeps you feeling alive and it beats going back to an empty flat every night," ĆEO Rupert Hunt said of having roommates.



New York City apartments are tiny, expensive and affordable only if you have a slew of roommates. That's the market mantra, but what if you had the chance to split an \$8 million, 3,400-square-foot West Village loft with two other people for \$1 a month?

No, you didn't fall asleep on the train and start dreaming.

Rupert Hunt is looking for two roommates who can spare \$1 a month to share his luxury apartment on Bleecker Street. Hunt is

founder and CEO of Spare Room.com, a website that helps people find rooms and roommates.

The apartment has a huge living space and a 1,500-squarefoot roof terrace with 360-degree views of the Manhattan skyline, according to the ad. And each bedroom comes with a walk-in closet and a private bathroom.

"Living with people beats living alone," Hunt

Hunt added that having roommates when you're new to a city can make or break the experience. "Having shared for years back in London, I don't need to financially, but it's the difference between falling in love with a new place and never feeling at home," he said.

Finding a compatible roommate doesn't have to mean you both like baseball or going to museums. Hunt said it all comes down to lifestyle and habits. Are you messy or neat? Are you rocking out at 3 a.m. or waking up at that hour to get to work? "When I first started sharing, I thought it was all about shared interests, but I found it comes down to rapport," Hunt said.

Usually, the apartmenthunting process is ruled by money, but Hunt doesn't want finances to be a barricade to meeting the right roommates and making new friends, especially in a neighborhood where a room typically costs

"I'm taking affordability out of the equation by offering the rooms for just \$1 a month," he said. "I'd rather choose people based on how well we get along, not how much they can afford."

"I know what it's like to try and pursue your dreams in an expensive city. I moved to London to be in a band when I was 21. Things were financially tough. I worked two jobs, including stocking shelves in a supermarket to make

ends meet. "Living with It's great to think people beats could be a chance for living alone." one, or both, of my roommates follow their

dreams—that this portunity could support someone's creativity, allow them to volunteer, study or even start a business like I have."

After sifting through applications, Hunt said he'll create a shortlist of candidates and invite them over. Those that he "gets on with" will be invited back. The application process also includes a background check.

Hunt said he started sharing his apartment in 2013 after he separated from his wife. Deciding to give his own site a try, Hunt said he figured it would be good market research, but that the experience ended up being 'game-changing."

"What I wasn't expecting was how much I enjoyed it," he said. "It was a more positive lifestyle and I love the spontaneity [having roommates] brings to



SpareRoom.com founder and CEO Rupert Hunt is looking for two roommates to share his sweet Village digs. SpareRoom



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US government health plans spent over \$1B on EpiPens over five years



Committee chairman Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) holds up an EpiPen as he speaks during a hearing before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Sept. 21, 2016 on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. GETTY IMAGES

Mylan is under scrutiny for raising prices on the life-saving EpiPen sixfold in less than a decade, making the devices unaffordable for a growing number of families. U.S. lawmakers and prosecutors

and prosecutors are also investigating what impact Mylan's EpiPen pricing has had on governmentfunded health programs.

U.S. government health plans spent more than \$1 billion on Mylan NV's EpiPen emergency allergic reaction treatment between 2011 and 2015, according to figures released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Wednesday.

CMS, in response to a request from U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, said in a letter that the Medicaid plan for the poor spent \$797 million on EpiPen in the five-year period, including rebates provided by Mylan, or \$960 million before rebates. Costs for the Medicare Part D program for the elderly was nearly \$335 million, a figure that does not reflect rebates.

Klobuchar and other lawmakers contend that Mylan underpaid rebates to state Medicaid programs by misclassifying EpiPen as a generic instead of a branded drug. The Medicaid rebate for a generic is 13 percent compared with a minimum 23.1 percent for a branded drug.

CMS said it could not determine how much the government is owed for EpiPens, but reiterated its view that Mylan had misclassified the product.

"CMS has, on multiple occasions, provided guidance to the industry and Mylan on the proper classification of drugs and has expressly told Mylan that the product is incorrectly classified," the agency said.

the agency said.

Mylan has said it complied with CMS rules. On Wednesday, it noted that the classification of EpiPen for Medicaid rebates had been made in 1997, a decade before it acquired the product.

New CMS rules that took effect this year allow companies to clarify any classification issues for a product like EpiPen, with companies asked to submit their requests by April 1, 2017.

"It would be premature to comment further on this issue until the CMS process has concluded," Mylan said.

Klobuchar in a state-ment called for "clear answers on how deep this misclassification goes, how much it has cost taxpayers across the country, how many other drugs may be misclassified, and how we get that money back."Mylan Chief Executive Heather Bresch was blasted by lawmakers during a congressional hearing last month for raising the list price for a pair of EpiPens to more than \$600 this year. It cost about \$100 in 2007, when Mylan acquired the product.

Mylan has said the list price does not reflect its true earnings on EpiPen once its discounts to payers, development costs and other expenses are taken into account.

It has sought to address the criticism by offering discounts more widely to consumers and plans to make available a generic version for about \$300.

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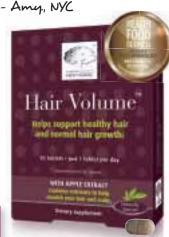
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South Carolina school shooting victim gets superhero's farewell

Jacob Hall suffered a gunshot wound to the leg last week and died at a hospital on Saturday after

blood loss led to major brain injury. A 14-year-old boy has been charged with the crime at Townville Elementary School in Townville, South Carolina. Police said he crashed a pickup truck through a fence and opened fire.

Mourners dressed as colorful comic book characters gathered to remember a 6-year-old boy during a superhe-ro-themed funeral on Wednesday, a week after the child was fatally shot at his South Carolina elementary school.

"In 30 years of ministry, this is the most difficult thing that I have ever experienced with a family, a church, a community," said Tim Marcengill, associate pastor of Oakdale Baptist Church in Townville, where Hall's service was held, the Independent Mail reported.

About 1,500 people gathered for Hall's funeral, including South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, local media reported.

Many of the adults and children who attended wore Batman or Superman costumes to honor Hall, who enjoyed pretending to be a su-perhero and "imagined himself being the good guy," Reverend David Blizzard said in his eulogy, NBC-affiliate WYFF News reported.

Hall's casket adorned with Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles stickers and figurines of Captain America, local media reported.

A teacher and two other students also were injured in the schoolyard shooting. Police said the teenaged suspect first shot and killed his father, Jeffrey Osborne, 47, as the man watched television at their home about two miles away.

The shooting suspect has been charged with multiple counts of mur-

"I needed to say goodbye and *have some* hope for tomorrow."

der, attempted murder and possessing a weapon while committing a violent crime. He has not been publicly identified by police.

Hall's funeral was held at the same church where the service for the shooter's father took place on Sunday.

As mourners left the service for the 6-yearold on Wednesday, some said they hoped for a sense of closure after the violence rattled the community of about 4,000 people.

'I needed to say goodbye and have some hope for tomorrow," said Michele Cahn, 34, whose son attends Townville elementary.

and Cahn her son wore Flash and Batman costumes.

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Federal appeals court hears arguments over Dakota Access pipeline

Three federal appeals judges in Washington, D.C., heard arguments on Wednesday over whether to stop work on a crude oil pipeline in parts of North Dakota where the Standing Rock Sioux and other tribes say the project will desecrate sacred land.

The judges are not expected to rule for months. In September, they ordered the group of firms building the pipeline, led by Energy Transfer Partners LP, to pause construction on the disputed section of the route while they consider the tribes' request that the U.S. government withdraw permits for the project.

Opponents of the 1,100 mile, \$3.7 billion pipeline celebrated in September

when legal challenges and violent clashes between protesters and security guards prompted the administration of President Barack Obama to ask the company to stop work on the disputed land while the government revisited its previous decisions about the project.

Celebrities including actor Susan Sarandon and Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein have also joined protests against the pipeline.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is also deciding whether to grant an easement to build under a lake on the Missouri River. **Energy Transfer Partners** needs that final permission in order to complete the pipeline, which is currently due for delivery on Jan. 1, 2017, according to court records.

An attorney for the pipeline company said under questioning from the judges at Wednesday's hearing that if the court allowed it, the company would continue building up to the lake's edge even before the easement decision, because each extra



Demonstration against the Dakota Access oil pipeline. GETTY IMAGES

month of delay will cost the company more than \$80 million.

Attorneys for the pipeline company declined to comment after the hearing.

Jan Hasselman, the attorney for the Standing Rock Sioux, told reporters outside the courthouse after the hearing that the appeal "should take three or four months" to resolve.

Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman Dave Archambault said after the hearing that 135 antipipeline demonstrators have been arrested so far, and that law enforcement officers are "heightening the danger" by using antiriot gear. REUTERS

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Blue Origin successfully tests capsule safety, lands booster

The test, which concluded with the rocket's landing and the capsule parachuting safely to the desert floor, was an important step forward for Kent, Washingtonbased Blue Origin by showing the passenger capsule can escape from the rocket should something go wrong during launch.

A rocket owned by Jeff Bezos' space company Blue Origin blasted off from Texas on Wednesday and then landed itself intact, even though engineers had expected it to crash after an important demonstration of how its

unmanned crew capsule could fly away from the rocket in an emergency.

Saving the capsule was the only goal of the test and the survival of the Shepherd rocket, which was making its fifth flight, was a bonus for Blue Origin. Engineers had expected searing exhaust from the capsule's motor would tip over the rocket, causing it to shut down and crash in a massive fireball in the desert.

The New Shepard booster rocket lifted off at 11:37 a.m. Eastern from Blue Origin's West Texas launch site, a live webcast showed. About 45 seconds later, the capsule separated from the rocket while a solid-rocket motor at the base of the capsule ignited. The 1.8-second firing steered the capsule away from the booster to test an emergency escape system.

After the capsule sepa-



Jeff Bezos, founder of space company Blue Origin GETTY IMAGES

rated, the booster continued up into space. Then it flew back, fail-first, toward Earth. As it neared the ground, the booster's rocket motor fired, its landing legs deployed and it touched down, two miles from the launch site, as it has done on its

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booster," Bezos, the billionaire founder of retail

giant Amazon, said on

Bezos has said by 2018 Blue Origin could start carrying paying passengers to more than 62 miles above Earth, high enough to experience a few minutes of weightlessness and see the planet against the

blackness of space.

Blue Origin has not yet set a price for its space trips but a competitor, Virgin Galactic, is selling tickets to fly on its six-passenger, two-pilot Space-ShipTwo for \$250,000.

Blue Origin is working on a larger orbital rocket, called New Glenn, that will compete against Elon Musk's SpaceX and other companies for commercial satellite launches and human space transportation services.

Unlike Musk, wants to colonize Mars, Bezos' vision is to shift energy-intensive, heavy industry into orbit and preserve Earth for human

Bezos said he has invested more than \$500 million in Blue Origin and that he would continue to finance it "for as long as necessary.'

BRIEF

Verge: Southwest flight evacuated after replaced Note 7 catches fire

A Southwest Airlines Co. flight to Baltimore was evacuated on Wednesday after a replaced Samsung Électronics Co. Ltd. Note 7 device started emitting smoke while the plane was at the boarding gate, according to the Verge.

The owner, Brian Green, picked up the new phone at an AT&T Inc. store on Sept. 21, the report said.

However, Samsung said that there was no evidence that the incident was related to the new Note 7 in a statement to CNBC.

Samsung, the world's top smartphone maker, announced a global recall of at least 2.5 million of its flagship Note 7 smartphones in 10 markets last month due to faulty batteries causing some phones to catch

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Russia suspends nuclear agreement, ends uranium research pact with US

The government also said it was terminating for the same reasons an agreement between its nuclear corporation Rosatom and the U.S. Department of Energy on feasibility studies into conversion of Russian research reactors to low enriched uranium.

Russia said on Wednesday it was suspending its nuclear and energy research agreement with the United States as a countermeasure against Washington for imposing sanctions on Russia over Ukraine.

On Monday, President Vladimir Putin suspended a treaty with Washington on cleaning up weaponsgrade plutonium, signaling he is willing to use nuclear disarmament as a new bargaining chip in disputes with the United States over Ukraine and Syria.

"The regular renewal of sanctions against Russia, which include the suspension of Russian-American cooperation in the field of nuclear energy, demands the adoption of countermeasures against the U.S. side," the Russian government said on its website.

The agreement on cooperation in nuclear- and energy-related scientific research, signed in 2013, provided the legal framework necessary to expand work between U.S. and Russian nuclear research laboratories and institutes in nuclear technology and nonproliferation, among others.

The uranium agree-

ment, signed in 2010, provided for feasibility studies into the conversion of six Russian research reactors from dangerous highly enriched uranium to more secure low enriched uranium.

The West imposed economic sanctions on Russia over its annexation of Ukraine's Crimea peninsula in 2014, followed by a pro-Russian insurrection in the east of the country. The breakdown of a ceasefire in Syria, where Russia backs government forces and the West supports rebel groups, has added to tensions. REUTERS



Russian President Vladimir Putin GETTY IMAGES

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BRIEF

Syrian army says it will reduce Aleppo airstrikes

Syria's army will reduce airstrikes and shelling on rebel-held eastern Aleppo on humanitarian grounds, it said on Wednesday, after mounting international criticism of it and Russia.

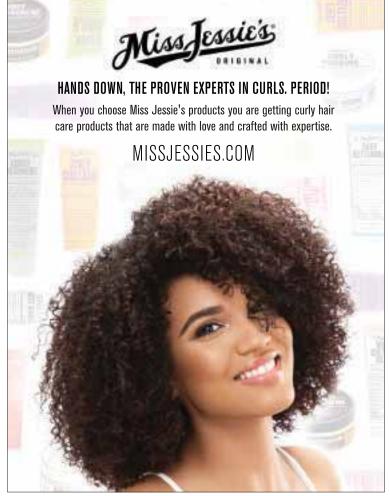
Last month, the army — backed by Shi'ite militias from Lebanon and Iraq, and by Russian jets — launched a new offensive involving one of the 5-year-old war's heaviest bombardments in eastern Aleppo after a weeklong cease

Airstrikes and shelling on rebel-held eastern Aleppo, and insurgent shelling of the government-held west of the city, have killed hundreds of civilians since the offensive began on Sept. 19, according to residents and war monitors.

The ferocity of the bombardment, which has included repeated airstrikes on hospitals in rebel-held areas, has drawn intense criticism from aid agencies, with the U.N.'s rights chief on Tuesday warning it may amount to a war crime.

It has also created new friction between the United States, which backs some rebel groups, and Russia. REUTERS





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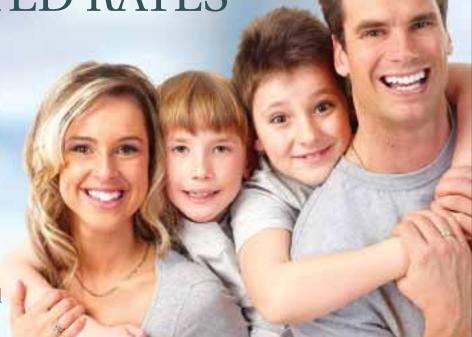
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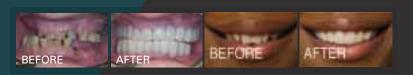
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New details have emerged in the Kim Kardashian West robbery

Here are the updates: Kim Kardashian West wasn't alone in the hotel, as many have assumed. Her friend and stylist Simone Harouche was also in the apartment, sleeping in a downstairs bedroom. When Harouche heard the commotion, she locked herself in a bathroom and contacted Kim's bodyguard, Pascal Duvier, for help.

The concierge who let the men into Kardashian West's unit was inside the apartment while the robbery was taking place, according to TMZ. Though he was handcuffed, the reality star told authorities he was extremely calm. She asked him, "Are we gonna die?" To which he responded, "I don't know," reports the gossip site. The concierge is a key witness in the case.

A source has told People magazine that Kim K blames herself for showing off the ring and



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Engaged is the new 'Black'!

Wedding bells are on the horizon for not one, but two, stars from Netflix's smash hit "Orange is the New Black."

Samira Wiley, the dreamy babe that plays inmate Poussey, doesn't have the same struggles in love as her character does on the show. She recently got engaged to Lauren Morelli, one of the show's writers and producers. Wiley posted an adorable picture of herself and bae on Instagram with the sparkly ring that sealed the deal

"OITNB" might need to add a wedding plan-



to the roster this season, because Wiley isn't the only one tying the knot. Laura Prepon and Ben Foster are also walking down the

aisle soon! Prepon, who plays Alex Vause on "OI-TNB," was seen sporting some new bling with her beau at the premiere for her new movie "The Girl on the Train." The couple has been dating since the summer.

It's good to know those jumpsuits weren't a complete turnoff.

Kid Cudi shares painful struggle with depression

Kid Cudi, the rapper and songwriter responsible for hits like "Make Her Say" and "Day 'N Nite," has checked himself to rehab for depression and suicidal thoughts. According to a statement on the

artist's Facebook page, where he made the announcement, he has suffered from depression and anxiety for "as long as [he] can remember" and that he "deserve[s] to have peace."

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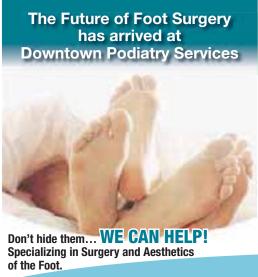
"KUWTK?"

While he'll be missing out on much of the promo for his album, Cudi managed to finish it and promises fans it is on the way.

This news comes on the heels of Cudi throwing some serious shade at rappers like Kanye West and Drake for not supporting him or writing their own rhymes.

Depression is serious business. We are glad Cudi is seeking the help he needs.









Making a movie America must see

"Selma" director Ava DuVernay wants her doc "13th" to make the country "think differently."



"I cried a lot making this film," Ava DuVernay says about "13th." The director didn't have much time between making "Selma," her Oscar-nominated drama about Martin Luther King Jr., and the new doc, which traces the evolution of racism in America since the Civil War's end, up to, essentially, a few weeks ago. That meant DuVernay was watching 1,000 hours of violent, racist archival footage soon after directing re-creations of black activists in 1964 being beaten and even killed.

"I'm in a self-care moment right now," she adds. "I'm not sure when I'll do this again."



Khalil Muhammad. historian and director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, is one of the many smart talking heads in Ava DuVernay's doc "13th," streaming on Netflix starting Friday. CREDIT: NETFLIX

But "13th" was important enough for her to face the pain. Her film which this year became the first documentary to open the New York Film Festival, and which hits Netflix Instant Friday covers a lot of ground. It traces the rise of the prison system and how it targets African Americans and destroys low-income neighborhoods. It shows the militarization of police.

DuVernay even gets Newt Gingrich to admit that disproportionately punishing crack possession over cocaine use was unfair. It's tightly focused and merciless. And it's perfect to watch before Election Day.

"If you change how people think, then we have societal change," DuVernay

The filmmaker compares shedding light on such issues with the growing awareness of transgender rights. She admits, even two years ago, she knew little about their struggle. "I was in a vacuum. I knew about them; was a forward-thinking person. I thought, 'That's cool, whatever you want to do.' But that's not enough. The idea that people are becoming aware of transgender issues affects how we allow legislation to go down, for and against

She sees "13th" as part of a similar struggle. "If we can change minds, make them aware of what happens in prisons and police departments, there will be a cultural shift," she says. But she argues that one shouldn't come away from her film thinking there's a single solution. "There's not one thing that's going to fix this. The only solution is if we all start to think differently.'

DuVernay's film is timely, but it's not partisan. Neither Donald Trump nor Hillary Clinton come off well. The Donald is seen circa 1989, stirring up the public into a mob against

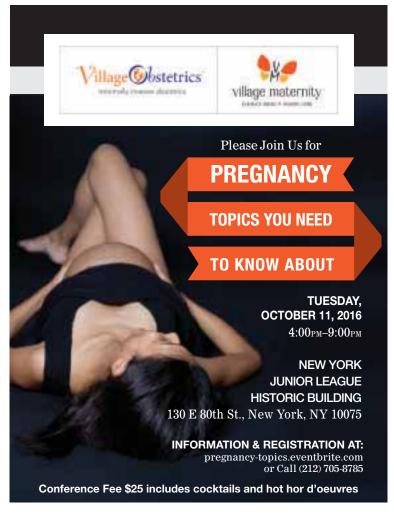
ral Park Five," the tral black and brown kids who were, it was later proved, falsely imprisoned for assault. Clinton, meanwhile, is shown in the 1990s using the term "superpredators" to describe black youths.

"You look at them and think, 'Wow, one of them is going to be president," DuVernay says.

Right now, "13th" is devastatingly up-to-date, and for a reason: DuVernay only finished the film nine days before its New York Film Festival premiere. That was partly because at least two police shootings happened after she locked picture. When she was able to include them, she initially broke down.

Then my mother said to me, 'It's never going to be updated. They're never all going to be in it. You have to let that go," Du-Vernay recalls. "That was a rough one: to know that it will never be complete or not be complete for any good time soon. Because there's always someone else who's not going to be







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"These are all efforts to put the person formerly known as the audience in the middle of the story," says Charles Melcher of Future of Storytelling, the company behind the festival. "They have agency, they have control, they have something to do."

The hub of the festival is inside the Africa Center in Harlem, where 50 projects (25 of which are world premieres) display the cutting edge of virtual reality technology, from gaming to creating art and education. Pick up a Tilt Brush and you can draw things in 3-D space; watch a first-person film in which you're an android trying to fit into a world where you're never quite human enough; or live an actual

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The festival also partnered with immersive story projects already flourishing around the city, from theater groups like Punchdrunk's "Sleep No More" to escape-theroom games and Madame Tussaud's revolutionary "Ghostbusters Dimension."

And if the entry fee is a bit steep, come to the festival on Sunday for free family-friendly activities including a group virtual reality experience, 3-D printing, art walks, live performances and more.

In a way, Melcher says

rytelling is just getting back to how stories were born: around fires. with one person starting and others jumping in with asides, interrupting or adding jokes. Music used to involve

everyone in the

group, whether it was

this new method of sto-

playing an instrument, singing or dancing — not sitting silently inside a concert hall.

"We're undoing thousands of years of what's happened after we started writing stories down, and we're coming back to something that is much more in our nature," says Melcher.

To skeptics who may see all this technology as making us more isolated, Melcher points out that virtual reality may actually be making us more human.

Take, for example, the 3-D experience "Easter Rising," which plunges you into the body of a 19-year-old Irish revolutionary on the day Dublin erupted in a violent push for independence. The narration uses words from the man's own journal, with the 360-degree virtual reality experience putting you inside crumbling shelters with crying children, then on the streets dodging bullets from British forces. It's a history lesson you're not likely to forget.

"I think [virtual reality] is as profound a shift as the invention of the printing press or the alphabet," says Melcher.

"Stories are a way that you get to feel what it's like to be somebody else and help us have empathy for one another and understand the human condition. These new types of technologies are just going to amplify this ability."



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For the 180,000 of you superheroes, elves and all the other magical creatures going to New York Comic Con, here's your roundup of the essential things to do.

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Be the captain of the Enterprise

Even if you prefer the stoic scientific mind of Mr. Spock, or your talents lie more in the communications field like Lt. Uhura, admit it - you've always wanted to sit in the captain's chair. To celebrate the release of "Star Trek Beyond" on Nov. 1, Paramount Pictures is putting you on the command deck of the USS Enterprise at their booth (NC6) for photo ops. While there, grab a limited-edition Federation pin and a foam finger of the Vulcan salute (bet that won't be the strangest swag you'll see all weekend).

Two 'Doctors' for double the fun

The Javits just couldn't handle this: "Doctor Who" star Peter Capaldi and his new companion, Pearl Mackie, are making their NYCC debut on Oct. 7 at 10:30 a.m. at

the Theater at Madison Square Garden. Considering we know next to nothing yet about the new season, including its air date, you're sure to hear (and see?) some exclusive information. For those who still miss the floppy silliness of Matt Smith's Eleven, he'll be on hand too - with the Doctor's wife, Alex Kingston, and departing companion Jenna Coleman on the Javits' Main Stage (Oct. 6, 2 p.m.).

A new dimension of horror

If you have a strong stomach and ain't afraid of no ghosts (or other ghastly creatures), seek out VR Con, making its NYCC debut at the Javits' VR, Gaming and Tech Pavilion. Jaunt VR brings its horror titles "Escape of the Living Dead," "Zombie Purge" and the thriller "Black Mass," while studios like Netflix and Warner Brothers have created 360-degree experiences based on

some of their popular franchises. Actors from New York Haunted Hayride will also provide an extra real-world jolt to your virtual thrills.

Debating the Reynolds Pamphlet

Thanks to "Hamilton," we all know a lot more about the founding father without a father than what our American history professors taught us. But Alexander Hamilton didn't just help start a nation — he also started its first sex scandal in 1791 by leaking the details of his own affair. Debate the merits of the Reynolds Pamphlet at Hudson Mercantile on Oct. 6 at 8:30 p.m. with the ladies of "Stuff You Missed in History Class." Tickets are \$12.

'Star Wars' beyond the films

NYCC has collected all of its publishers under one roof this year

at BookCon, held at Hudson Mercantile for the first time this year, and they couldn't have kicked it off better than with a panel of juggernauts in "Star Wars" spinoff novels, from the revered Timothy Zahn to Chuck Wendig, the man behind the "Aftermath" trilogy that's giving "The Force Awakens" some much-needed backstory. They'll discuss their process and give sneak peeks into what's coming up in the "Star Wars" publishing universe. The panel is immediately followed by an autograph session, so don't forget your well-loved copy of Heir to the Empire. Oct. 7, 11 a.m.

Make time to unwind

Celebrate the halfway point of NYCC with an epic party (if you're 21+) at Bowlmor Times Square (222 W. 44th St.). Hosted by cosplayers and comics publishers, nerd-friendly fun will take over the whole venue from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. with free bowling, specialty cocktails, even more special guests, a photo booth, live music on the dance floor, giveaways and access to Bowlmor's arcade. Tickets are \$15.

Inside 'Westworld'

The debut of HBO's new sci-fi western series set the internet on fire last Sunday. You're sure to get some details about what's coming up in the rest of the season (or just see the second episode before anyone else!) at a two-hour panel with showrunners Jonathan Nolan and Lisa Joy, as well as stars Thandie Newton, Jeffrey Wright, and Jimmi Simpson on Oct. 9 beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Hammerstein Ballroom.

Look into the 'Black Mirror'

The British speculative

fiction series is coming back Oct. 21 after Netflix commissioned a third season. What strange, world-twisting things will these six new episodes reflect back at us this time? Be the first to see a very relevant episode, "Playtest," directed by Dan Trachtenberg ("10 Cloverfield Lane") about a new virtual reality game that could go too far. Oct. 8, 12:30 p.m., Room 1A10

Get familiar with 'Stranger Things'

September was the month of Netflix's "Stranger Things," and we know you still have nothing but questions (and a few bones to pick) about what happened in the Upside Down. Everyone's new hero, Millie Bobby Brown (Eleven) and David Harbour (Chief Hopper) discuss the monsters, secrets and behind-the-scenes action on Oct. 7 at 11 a.m. at the Javits' Main Stage 1-Ď.

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NEW OPENING

'Acoustic' David Burke

The chef's new Upper East Side tavern takes its cues from old New York.



EVA KIS @thisiskis

David Burke is back in the kitchen, and he's turning back time to old New

The celebrity chef is opening his first restaurant in partnership with ESquared Hospitality, who launched By Chloe last year, this Friday, Oct. 8. Tavern62 by David Burke (135 E. 62nd St.) brings something he says has been missing in the Upper East Side: "a luxurious tavern somewhat similar to Polo Bar and Nomad, with some of the sensibilities of PJ Clarke's or 21 Club.'

So, polished but not too stiff. The location, inside a two-story townhouse, welcomes patrons into a casual bar area downstairs, while the sec-

ond floor is a more formal dining room. The vibe is old New York, nostalgic without being sappy.

Burke, who

stepped away from the day-to-days at his other restaurants a couple years ago, says it's been "great fun" to be back in the kitchen with executive chef Ed Cotton, who was previously turning out modern French fare at Sotto 13.

He describes the result of their collaboration as "more of the acoustic version, the un-plugged version" of his usual "rock 'n' roll style.' The dishes are rooted in classic concepts, but all get a Burke twist: a surf & turf of roasted scallops and corned beef cheeks, Peking-style pork shank with plum sauce, and a Caesar salad with smoked trout dressing. Then there's Duck Duck Duck, which features the bird three ways, and the Chocolate Waffle Cake, essentially a brunch ice cream sundae made with a tableside waffle iron. Rest assured that Burke's extravagance has not been tamed.

"We've gone from the really expensive experimental stuff to the molecular stuff to the barbecue and the Brooklyn food," he says. "It's time to settle in and get some serious, creative, solid American food."

Lunch (coming soon) will be another experiment, skewing traditional until about 3 p.m., then continuing into the late afternoon with a menu of toasts and flatbreads prepared behind the bar downstairs. A pair of open-faced sandwiches like smoked salmon, reuben and, yes, avocado, will run a modest \$15 to pair with wine, craft beers or sommelier-curated cock-

"We want to create a lunch vibe," says Burke, "but also we want the finesse of a great New York City restaurant.'



Michael Lomonaco is not just the executive chef at Porter House Bar and Grill (10 Columbus Circle) - he's also the owner. This month, the restaurant is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a series of special menus looking back at where it started and its current hits. Ever have monkfish served like a T-bone steak? How about venison, Scottish pheasant, squab and wild boar all on the same plate? Could you even handle the richness of Wagyu beef with caviar, foie gras and white

Despite its namesake, Lomonaco emphasizes that Porter House is not a steakhouse, but a restaurant whose menu reflects the constantly changing American table. "What was once exotic or foreign is today commonplace," he explains. "The rich contributions of the Latino and Asian kitchens are fast becoming part of our everyday menus the way French and Italian cooking have been foundational styles for generations."

truffles?

We asked Lomonaco where he likes to go when he's not cooking up the next new thing.

Late night

For a well-made cocktail or interesting beer selection, accompanied by some really tasty dishes, I love the Penrose. Very relaxed and with great service and superior mixologists, this is a great addition to the strip of Second Avenue that has been suffering through the new subway addition. 1590 Second Ave., UES

Best meal under \$10

We have a food cart on West 58th and Eighth Avenue where we grab gyros and falafel. We swear by this no-name cart. And now I grab my new favorite: Beef Saltena at Bolivian Llama Party at Turnstyle in the Columbus Circle subway station.

Out-of-town guests

I have a real love affair with French food and wine, especially the bistros of Paris. My favorite go-to is Benoit, the city's best bistro by way of Paris. Great wine list, authentic French cooking, classics and updated modern food. 60 W. 55th St., Midtown

Hidden gem

Sandro's is the Roman trattoria of my dreams, with classic Roman food and a warm and welcoming family-run dining room. Spaghetti al Limone — Sandro's signature pasta — will have you dreaming of the Eternal City. 306 E. 81st St., Yorkville

Solo dining

A bowl of noodles at Totto Ramen, seated at the ramen counter, makes the whole day great. tottoramen.com

Most Insta-worthy

I gotta go with Porter House Bar and Grill on this one - we have the view of Central Park, a stunning room and the most photo-ready steaks you could ask for. EVAKIS

The upstairs dining room at Tavern62 by David Burke MIKEY POZARIK

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Through Nov. 16, Parkside Lounge, 317 E. Houston St., \$35, planetwongo.com

First Thursday **Gallery Walk**

Starting this week, DUMBO galleries will stay open late on the first Thursdays of each month, giving art lovers extra time to explore the spaces and their neighborhood.

In addition to grabbing a glass of wine and taking in the talents of local artists, there are also special receptions and talks. Plus, bars and restaurants in the area will have specials.

Oct. 6, 6-9 p.m., free, artindumbo.com

Art in Odd Places

Here's an excuse to go for a walk that doesn't (necessarily) involve Pokemon. Art in Odd Places is an outdoor art fair that takes place along the entire stretch of 14th Street. This year's theme is race, and 34 artists explore it through topics like safety, politics, class and religion. Its mission is to bridge communities and foster public discourse. Friday is the opening reception, and Sunday offers a speaker's corner with comics, poets, dancers and more. Oct. 6-9, 14th Street from Avenue C to the Hudson, free, race.artinoddplaces.org



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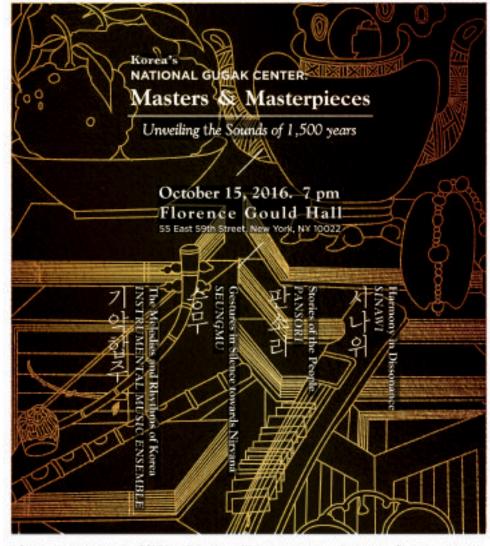
"Queer '90s"

In 1992 a strange thing happened: American moviegoers couldn't stop talking about a movie about a trans character. That film was "The Crying Game," and it unleashed an avalanche of LGBTQ bodies - historically mostly regulated to coded scene-stealers, besties and punchlines. The Metrograph's "Queer '90s" series spends October showing a diversity still lacking from multiplexes, with classics like "My Own Private Idaho" and the fabulous-o-rama Australian import "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert." There are plenty of obscurities sprinkled throughout as well, and now's a good time to revisit Angelina Jolie's finest work: as the swaggering, self-destructive

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BOOKS

"Sweet Noshings"

Apple with honey is a classic, but the sugar addicts among us were probably left unsated this Rosh Hashana. If that's you, check out "Sweet Noshings," a dessert cookbook by food blogger Amy Kritzer (What Jew Wanna Eat). She'll be cooking her classic Jewish treats with a twist for the audience (with samples for all) as well as signing books at the American Jewish Historical Society.

Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m., 15 W. 16th St., \$10, ajhs.org

FOOD

Plating the Past: A Taste of the 19th Century

Taste authentic recipes from the 1800s while dining on ceramic plates straight from the time period, taken from behind the glass cases of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum and Garden. This special evening combines dining and learning as history consultant Allen Miller discusses the utensils and dinnerware that guests will use to enjoy courses of long-lost dinner standards like syllabub, savory pies and gingerbread cake. Call 212-838-6878 for tickets. Oct. 7, 7 p.m., 421 E. 61st St., \$65, mvmhq.org

POP CULTURE

New Yorker Festival

Covering all of pop culture, from literature to television, music and the internet, The New Yorker Festival brings together some of today's most informed and entertaining commentators for panels and presentations in a three-day fest. Highlights include a "Mr. Robot" discussion between Sam Esmail and Christian Slater, and an evening of stories with humorist Adam Gopnik.

Oct. 7-9, multiple locations, \$45-\$60, festival.newyorker.com

FILM

HUMP! Film Festival

Sex columnist and podcaster Dan Savage brings his popular pornographic film festival back to Brooklyn this Saturday. HUMP! invites amateurs to create the kind of porn they'd like to see — weird, hilarious, political — and it all features a diverse range of real people flaunting their flaws and kinks. The best of the shorts are compiled for this festival, which tours the country and stops in NYC for one night only with screenings at 6:30, 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Oct. 8, Dobbin St., 64 Dobbin St., Brooklyn, \$30, humpfilmfest.com

ARTS

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One special island

It's easy to see why Aruba is the Caribbean island visitors keep returning to, year after year.



According to the Aruba Tourism Authority, half of all visitors who come to the island for a vacation will return often multiple times. There must be a reason why Aruba is deemed to be the most revisited destination in the Caribbean. There are beautiful beaches and lots of sunshine, but that's nothing unique. What makes Aruba, the self-described "one happy island," so entic-

Easy to get to know

Colonized by the Dutch in 1636, Aruba is positioned in the southern Caribbean about 17 miles north of Venezuela. It is only 19.6 miles long and 6 miles at its widest point. Getting around is easy, with both public transit and taxis available. Turquoise waters beckon

from white sand beaches, and most Arubans speak English and Spanish in addition to their native Papiamento and Dutch.

Tropical without the humidity

Aruba's got sunshine in abundance, and the temperature generally lazes between the mid-70s and the mid-80s. The island lies just outside the Atlantic's main hurricane corridor and is typically hit less by tropical storms, though if you're looking only for sunny days, know that fall is the rainy season. (Though it's a great time to visit if you're looking to avoid winter's high prices.)

Fall hotel deals include the beachfront Hyatt Regency Aruba's Sunshine on Sale, which gives a fifth night free on a fivenight stay (through Dec. 18, rates from \$259, aruba.regency.hyatt. com). The Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort and Casino reopens this fall after a massive renovation, and offers a daily \$50 resort credit as a welcome back (rates from \$249. www3.hilton.

com).

Water sports lovers, take note: Aruba boasts gusting trade winds, which lowers humidity through spring and summer, and helps create some of the best windsurfing conditions on the planet. No wonder that Women's Freestyle Champion at

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the PWA Grand Slam is 25-year-old Aruban Sarah Quita, whose incredible unbeaten run landed her the windsurfing title for the ninth time.

the beach

No need to hit the hotel gym, just grab your gear for some hiking or biking through the beautiful Arikok National Park. Comprising almost 20 percent of the island, the park offers a glimpse of prehuman history in wonderful geological formations and includes

The spirit of the island

It's the Caribbean, which means rum. Specifically Palmera Rum, the local brew, which you will possibly drink more of than you should, and you will want a party. Visitors this year are in luck: The first-ever Aruba Fashion Week takes place Dec. 1-5 and will highlight Caribbean fashion during shows, talks, a trade fair and, of course, several parties. Ongoing festivities include the Bonbini Festival. Bonbini means "welcome" in Papiamento, the Creole language

spoken on Aruba. This weekly folk festival includes music and dancing in downtown Oranjestad, the capital city, in the outdoor courtyard of Fort Zoutman, Aruba's oldest building (every Tuesday, 6:30-9:30 p.m.).

The Carubbian Festival takes place in the San Nicolas district and includes an Aruban feast, an outdoor market and entertainers. The main street becomes a pedestrian-only mall filled with colorful booths selling food, handicrafts and souvenirs. Look for locally produced goods and support Aruba's artists, crafters and the island's economy (every Thursday, 6-10 p.m.; packages including transportation

are sold at most hotels). The biggest party of the year is the **Grand** Parade (Feb. 26, 2017), which is part of the monthlong winter carnival in February. The procession of impressive floats, glittering costumes and dancing winds its way around Oranjestad beginning at noon through late into the night. Hoist a Palmera Rum or two and

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Some celebrations are so spectacular that they've grown from hometown events to festivals that draw visitors from all over the world. A few have even spread to other cities around the globe - though they're still best experienced where they began. As you're planning next year's itinerary, check out our picks of festivals that offer a unique, oncein-a-lifetime experience ranging from spiritual to lighthearted.

Carnival

More than 2 million people flood the streets of Rio de Janeiro for



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Carnival. The four-day celebration is traditionally held before Lent and includes street parties, masquerades, and samba parades. Follow Carnival bands across the beaches and streets, grab a drink at one of the city's lively bars, and watch as samba schools compete for the best float.

Oktoberfest

Get to a beer tent and grab a liter stein for Oktoberfest, one of the world's most spirited parties. A keg tap marks the beginning of this boozy weeklong festival born in Munich, Germany, where millions of visitors flock to one of the city's themed tents to enjoy a stein. In addition to beer, guests can sample traditional food like sausages, pretzels, and potato dumplings.

Dia de los Muertos

In early November, friends and family in Mexico gather to pay their respects to the dead on Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, to commemorate lost loved ones with ancient

traditions. The festivities are particularly spectacular in Oaxacam where families of the deceased build private altars using sugar skulls, leave flowers and food on graves, and put out offerings to welcome spirits. Celebrants eat foods shaped like bones, including chocolate skulls and pan de muerto, or bread of the dead.

Albuquerque International **Balloon Fiesta**

More than 600 colorful balloons fill the Southwest sky at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in New Mexico. Spectators gather at sunrise to watch the balloons take off and visit landing sites to track incoming balloons. The fiesta is also a competition, as balloonists drop markers on targets and participate in speed and distance races.

Kumbh Mela, India

Every three years, millions of visitors gather in Nashik to bathe in one of India's sacred rivers for Kumbh Mela. The

pilgrimage is considered to be the largest peaceful gathering in the world, and is held in different locations around India according to Hindu tradition. Visitors can participate in religious discussions, singing and assemblies, or complete altruistic acts alongside holy men and women.

Il Palio

Historic Siena, Italy, is home to Il Palio, one of the world's most renowned horse races. Every July and August, 10 jockeys and their horses gather in the town's Piazza del Campo to compete in a race and pageant. Horse and rider teams each dress in appropriate colors to represent a contrade (city ward) of Siena. Crowds watch as the horses and jockeys rapidly circle the square. While turning the treacherously tight corners it's not uncommon for riders to be thrown from their mounts and horses often finish the race riderless. The whole exhilarating spectacle usually lasts only 90 seconds.





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More than 100,000 lanterns are launched into the night sky during the three-day celebration. Visitors can take part by buying their own lanterns from street stalls. Festival activities also include food, colorful

Masks and costumes are standard attire at Italy's Carnival of Venice. Every mask has its own story and symbolizes a different Italian theater character. Visitors parade their finery at parties and masquerade dinners, or end the night at one of the city's lavish costume balls.

> St. Patrick's **Day Festival**

You might not find a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow at Dublin's Saint Patrick's Day Festival, buť you will find plenty of festivities. For three days in March the city turns entirely green as revelers enjoy street performances and music. Take a walking tour of the city or visit the Irish Craft Beer Village

Fermin Festival The running of the bulls

may have gained worldwide recognition, but still seems like the kind of event that only happens in books. Visitors can witness the spectacle for themselves at the San Fermin Festival in Pamplona, Spain. Before the event, the town erects a set of barricades to direct the bulls along the route and protect onlookers. A rocket signals the beginning of the run, and herds are set loose on the streets. Anxious crowds await the end of the race in a bullring.

Pingxi Lantern **Festival**

Every year during Chinese New Year, visitors gather in the Taiwanese small town of Pingxi

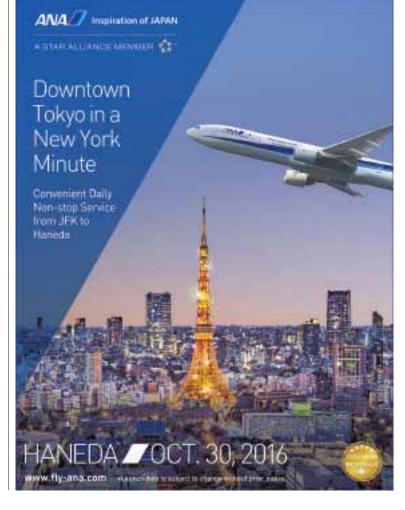
for a taste of local brews. White Nights and Scarlet Sails Festival in St. Petersburg, Russia

During the summer months, the sun never sets in St. Petersburg, Russia, and the city's White Nights and Scarlet Sails Festival celebrates this stunning phenomenon. The festival features performances by Russian musicians, singers and dancers, culminating in the Scarlet Sails celebration. Rose-hued skies are the backdrop for tall ships with scarlet sails, and crowds enjoy spectacular fireworks and a water





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La Tomatina

Goggles are rec-

ommended at La

in Spain

Tomatina, one of the world's biggest food fights. Taking place annually on the last Wednesday of August in Bunol, Špain, the fight begins with a firing of water cannons as thousands throw squashed tomatoes at one another. Due to the immense popularity of this event, the town began selling tickets but the experience is well worth the 10 euro

Diwali

Also known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali celebrates the end of harvest season in India. Over the course of five days, celebrants string colorful lanterns, explode firecrackers, share sweets and snacks, and participate in traditional ceremonies. Festivalgoers also light small clay lamps filled with oil to honor the Hindu goddess Lakshmi and invoke her blessings for the year ahead.

Bumgarner dominates Mets

The Mets' season is over as they fell, 3-0. to the Giants Wednesday night.



MATT BURKE @burke_metro

Noah Syndergaard pitched what may have been the best game of his career in the Mets' most crucial game of the season Wednesday night, but New York's bullpen let him down late, and now the Mets are going home for the winter.

Conor Gillaspie's three-run homer to right off of Mets closer Jeurys Familia in the top of the ninth inning gave the Giants a 3-0 win in the do-or-die NL Wild Card game. San Francisco advances to face the Cubs in the NLDS.

Syndergaard had a no-hitter going until two outs in the sixth inning,

MLB playoffs schedule

Thursday – Blue Jays at Rangers Game 1 (4:30, TBS); Red Sox at Indians Game 1 (8 p.m., TBS)

Friday – Blue Jays at Rangers Game 2 (1 p.m., TBS); Red Sox at Indians Game 2 (4:30 p.m., TBS); Dodgers at Nationals Game 1 (5:30 p.m., FS1); Giants at Cubs (9 p.m., FS1)

but unbelievably he wasn't the best pitcher at Citi Field Wednesday night. Giants starter Madison Bumgarner threw a complete game at the Mets as the New York offense was only able to muster four hits off of the 2014 World Series MVP. Bumgarner threw a whopping 120 pitches on the night, striking out six and walking just two.

Terry Collins lifted Syndergaard from the game after the seventh inning and things imme-



The Mets' 2016 is over as they were shutout by the Giants Wednesday night at Citi Field. GETTY IMAGES

diately got shaky for the Mets. Addison Reed gave up a single to Gillaspie, walked Brandon Belt and intentionally walked Buster Posey as the Gi-

ants loaded up the bases. Reed got out of it, striking out Hunter Pence to end the threat but it was a sign of issues to come for the Mets 'pen.

Brandon Crawford opened the ninth inning with a double that trickled to the wall, giving the Giants life against Familia. Familia

struck out Angel Pagan, but then walked Joe Panik — setting up the crushing Gillaspie clout that ended the Mets' 2016 season.

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WHICH ATHLETES SUPPORT TRUMP, **CLINTON?**

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OPINION

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'Tis the season to be political. Once every four years every single American across the

country gets to give their opinion for who they should think should claim the Presidency. Nowadays, most of these opinions are slung around on social media by your everyday American and some of those opinions hold more weight than others when it comes to casting a ballot. Some of those opinions that tend to weigh more on our mind are sports figures. This past Saturday, LeBron James gave his endorsement to Democratic Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and other pros having been giving their endorsements as we get closer to Election Day 2016. Here are some of the notable and interesting 2016 presidential endorsements from the sports world.

Team Trump

Tim Tebow: Tebow and Donald Trump have a couple things

in common. One is that the American news media has an unfathomable fascination with the both of them. Tebow and Trump both know how to play to the fans. Another is that both seem to defy all the critics and win. Nobody thought Trump would make it this far in the run for president and Tebow quarterbacked a Denver Broncos inspirational playoff run in 2011 with the card stacked against him.

Bobby Knight: The fiery former Indiana Hoosiers head basketball coach has roots in the military and endorsed Trump at a raucous rally in Indianapolis. Knight was the Army Black Knights' youngestever head coach and has three national championships to his name. Knight is old school and wants to win and that is exactly what the Trump campaign is preaching.

Dennis Rodman: They both



Tim Tebow is a passenger on the Trump Train, GETTY IMAGES

have a history in the WWE and last year, Rodman tweeted, "We don't need another politician, we need a businessman like Mr. Trump!" The crazed of the crazy, Rodman's only other real political opinion is that he believes North Korea's Kim Jong Un really is not a villain.

Team Clinton

Alex Rodriguez: A-Rod has a few things in common with Hillary Clinton. Both A-Rod and Clinton like to blur the lines regarding the rules of their

respective organizations. A-Rod had one of the most scrutinized baseball careers for his use of illegal PEDs and Hillary has been placed under numerous investigations during her political career. Another similarity is their carefree personalities, which are at times off-putting.

Hope Solo: A real firecracker right here. If Solo was not playing goalie for the U.S. Women's Soccer Team in Rio it would not have surprised me to see her at a Hillary Clinton rally -screaming her face off and looking to start an argument with an

innocent bystander. After Solo's suspension for six months from the U.S. Women's National Team, she might want to jump on the campaign trail and try to save this for Hillary.

LeBron James: King James has to be the biggest pro athlete endorsement. LeBron is like Hillary in that he likes to take forever to win something and Hillary hopes that she can pull through this time and take home her crown. Both say they're "team first" and in it "together," but that's often hard to believe.

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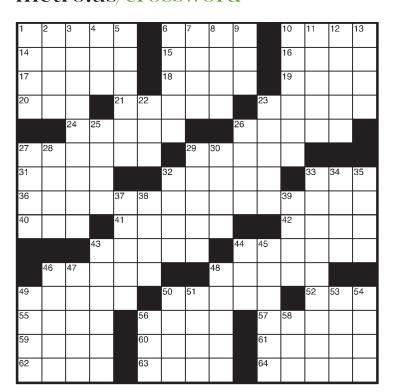
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Aries Because of your ability to accurately assess your alternatives, your decisions should work out to your ultimate benefit. You can trust your conclusions.



Taurus Both small and large opportunities could yield substantial returns, mostly because of your ability to skillfully manage anything that comes your way.

Gemini Don't hesitate to assume greater



control over a joint involvement that is not working out to your satisfaction, if you believe you can turn things around. Cancer People will start to confide in you,

but they'll only do so when they realize that you're the one who seems to know how to

handle all kinds of problems.



Leo Adopt a hopeful, positive attitude today regarding your newest endeavor and start moving toward it the moment you realize the view over the horizon.



Virgo All the key elements are trending in your favor at this time, making you far more financially fortunate than usual. Ride the wave while it's breaking.

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Libra Bits and pieces that wouldn't fit together previously could start to come together. As soon as you begin to see the entire picture, put your plans into action.



Scorpio If you go out of your way to ensure that you handle things correctly for another, there's a strong possibility that you'll be asked to participate in something big.



Sagittarius Certain people with whom you have a partnership arrangement could start to play vital roles in your affairs. Do everything in your power to keep these alliances.



Capricorn The chances of fulfilling an ambitious objective are likely to be far greater now than in the future. Don't delay anything that can be accomplished immediately.



Aquarius An important lesson you learned from past experience can be effectively applied in handling a testy, current development. Use it!



Pisces When it comes to a project that you think can be complemented by another person, don't hesitate to team up. Doing so will produce superior results. EUGENIA LAST

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